Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering March 13th to 19th, 2015, there were 559,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 4,200 from February 2016 but 5,400 less than the number employed in March 2015.

Agricultural employment was 40,200 persons in March 2016, down 800 from the February 2016 level but 500 more than the March 2015 agricultural employment level of 39,700. Non-agricultural employment was 519,000 persons in March 2016. This is an increase of 5,000 from the February 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 514,000 but 5,900 less than March 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2016 was 6.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2016 rate of 6.7 percent and 2.0 percentage points higher than the March 2015 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 6,000 to 600,700 persons in March 2016 from 594,700 persons in February 2016. This is 6,900 more than the March 2015 labour force of 593,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 69.3 percent in March 2016 from 68.7 percent in February 2016. The March 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 41,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2016. This is an increase of 1,900 from February 2016 and 12,400 more than the number unemployed in March 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2016, up 2,800 from the February 2016 level of 565,500 but down 5,300 from the March 2015 employment level of 573,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2016 was 6.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the February 2016 rate of 5.9 percent and 1.7 percentage points higher than the March 2015 rate of 4.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 29,500 persons in March 2016 to 17,726,600 persons from 17,697,100 persons in February 2016. In March 2015, there were 17,574,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate remained unchanged in March 2016 at 7.7 percent from the February 2016 level. In March 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in March 2016. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than February 2016 but 0.3 percentage points higher than the March 2015 level of 6.8 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,199.2	19,177.3	18,980.8	21.9	218.4
Employed ('000)	17,726.6	17,697.1	17,574.0	29.5	152.6
Full-Time ('000)	14,159.9	14,106.0	14,030.5	53.9	129.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,566.7	3,591.1	3,543.5	-24.4	23.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,472.6	1,480.2	1,406.7	-7.6	65.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.3	6.8	-0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.1	65.0	0.0	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	600.7	594.7	593.8	6.0	6.9
Employed ('000)	559.2	555.0	564.6	4.2	-5.4
Full-Time ('000)	450.1	452.8	463.2	-2.7	-13.1
Part-Time ('000)	109.1	102.2	101.4	6.9	7.7
Unemployed ('000)	41.6	39.7	29.2	1.9	12.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	4.9	0.2	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	5.9	4.5	0.3	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	68.7	69.1	0.6	0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	2,448.8	2,461.7	2,410.8	-12.9	38.0
Employed ('000)	2,259.6	2,253.6	2,261.6	6.0	-2.0
Full-Time ('000)	1,834.6	1,834.9	1,859.3	-0.3	-24.7
Part-Time ('000)	425.0	418.7	402.3	6.3	22.7
Unemployed ('000)	189.2	208.2	149.2	-19.0	40.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	8.5	6.2	-0.8	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.9	5.6	-0.8	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	72.7	72.3	-0.5	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	670.4	663.6	668.8	6.8	1.6
Employed ('000)	629.6	622.7	632.5	6.9	-2.9
Full-Time ('000)	503.0	496.3	507.8	6.7	-4.8
Part-Time ('000)	126.6	126.4	124.7	0.2	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	40.8	40.9	36.3	-0.1	4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.2	5.4	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.0	5.5	0.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	66.8	68.0	0.6	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	600.7	594.7	593.8	6.0	6.9
Male	325.3	323.5	321.5	1.8	3.8
Female	275.4	271.2	272.3	4.2	3.1
15-24 Years of Age	86.0	86.2	89.6	-0.2	-3.6
25+ Years of age	514.8	508.5	504.1	6.3	10.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	559.2	555.0	564.6	4.2	-5.4
Male	298.9	297.9	303.2	1.0	-4.3
Female	260.2	257.1	261.4	3.1	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	74.7	74.5	80.3	0.2	-5.6
25+ Years of age	484.5	480.5	484.3	4.0	0.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	41.6	39.7	29.2	1.9	12.4
Male	26.4	25.6	18.3	0.8	8.1
Female	15.2	14.1	10.8	1.1	4.4
15-24 Years of Age	11.3	11.7	8.7	-0.4	2.6
25+ Years of age	30.3	28.0	19.6	2.3	10.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.9	6.7	4.9	0.2	2.0
Male	8.1	7.9	5.7	0.2	2.4
Female	5.5	5.2	4.0	0.3	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	13.1	13.6	10.5	-0.5	2.6
25+ Years of age	5.9	5.5	3.9	0.4	2.0
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.3	68.7	69.1	0.6	0.2
Male	74.5	74.1	74.3	0.4	0.2
Female	64.1	63.2	63.9	0.9	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	63.6	63.7	65.2	-0.1	-1.6
25+ Years of age	70.4	69.6	69.9	0.8	0.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	40.2	41.0	39.7	-0.8	0.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.1	25.7	26.0	-1.6	-1.9
Utilities	7.0	6.5	6.2	0.5	0.8
Construction	49.9	48.1	51.4	1.8	-1.5
Manufacturing	24.5	25.2	25.9	-0.7	-1.4
Trade	85.1	84.5	83.3	0.6	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	27.2	27.0	29.1	0.2	-1.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.9	29.6	30.7	0.3	-0.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.6	26.3	24.4	0.3	2.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.3	11.8	14.8	0.5	-2.5
Educational Services	43.9	40.2	48.4	3.7	-4.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.8	78.6	75.5	0.2	3.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.9	20.0	16.7	-1.1	2.2
Accommodation and Food Services	37.5	36.6	36.9	0.9	0.6
Other Services	25.5	27.0	25.7	-1.5	-0.2
Public Administration	27.6	26.9	29.9	0.7	-2.3
Total	559.2	555.0	564.6	4.2	-5.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	450.1	452.8	463.2	-2.7	-13.1
Part-Time	109.1	102.2	101.4	6.9	7.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	451.7	444.9	462.7	6.8	-11.0
Public Sector	140.8	134.7	143.9	6.1	-3.1
Private Sector	310.9	310.2	318.8	0.7	-7.9
Self-Employed	107.5	110.1	101.9	-2.6	5.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,726.6	17,697.1	17,574.0	29.5	152.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.4	220.1	225.4	0.3	-5.0
Prince Edward Island	66.8	67.6	68.9	-0.8	-2.1
Nova Scotia	433.0	430.2	431.7	2.8	1.3
New Brunswick	332.7	332.4	341.3	0.3	-8.6
Quebec	4,016.1	4,022.4	4,012.0	-6.3	4.1
Ontario	6,874.4	6,874.9	6,781.2	-0.5	93.2
Manitoba	629.6	622.7	632.5	6.9	-2.9
Saskatchewan	559.2	555.0	564.6	4.2	-5.4
Alberta	2,259.6	2,253.6	2,261.6	6.0	-2.0
British Columbia	2,334.8	2,318.2	2,254.9	16.6	79.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.2	16.0	15.6	-0.8	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	13.3	13.6	13.6	-0.3	-0.3
Nova Scotia	10.1	10.2	10.1	-0.1	0.0
New Brunswick	11.9	11.2	11.6	0.7	0.3
Quebec	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
Ontario	7.1	6.8	7.3	0.3	-0.2
Manitoba	6.1	6.2	5.4	-0.1	0.7
Saskatchewan	6.9	6.7	4.9	0.2	2.0
Alberta	7.7	8.5	6.2	-0.8	1.5
British Columbia	6.7	7.2	6.3	-0.5	0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,043.5	18,002.9	17,913.9	40.6	129.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.1	231.5	235.9	-0.4	-4.8
Prince Edward Island	71.1	71.8	73.4	-0.7	-2.3
Nova Scotia	447.7	444.3	446.3	3.4	1.4
New Brunswick	345.4	346.0	353.8	-0.6	-8.4
Quebec	4,098.6	4,109.8	4,098.3	-11.2	0.3
Ontario	6,988.6	6,974.7	6,903.0	13.9	85.6
Manitoba	636.2	630.7	639.6	5.5	-3.4
Saskatchewan	568.3	565.5	573.6	2.8	-5.3
Alberta	2,296.4	2,277.5	2,302.0	18.9	-5.6
British Columbia	2,360.0	2,351.0	2,287.9	9.0	72.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.3	6.8	-0.2	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.1	14.1	13.4	-1.0	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	11.0	11.0	11.2	0.0	-0.2
Nova Scotia	9.1	9.1	9.3	0.0	-0.2
New Brunswick	10.2	9.9	10.1	0.3	0.1
Quebec	7.5	7.6	7.5	-0.1	0.0
Ontario	6.8	6.8	6.9	0.0	-0.1
Manitoba	6.0	6.0	5.5	0.0	0.5
Saskatchewan	6.2	5.9	4.5	0.3	1.7
Alberta	7.1	7.9	5.6	-0.8	1.5
British Columbia	6.5	6.6	5.9	-0.1	0.6

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.7	7.6	6.6	0.1	1.1
Halifax	7.7	7.0	6.6	0.7	1.1
Saint John	9.1	8.5	9.7	0.6	-0.6
Quebec	5.6	5.3	5.8	0.3	-0.2
Montreal	8.8	8.7	8.0	0.1	0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	6.5	7.1	0.4	-0.2
Toronto	7.1	6.8	7.0	0.3	0.1
Greater Sudbury	9.1	8.3	7.0	0.8	2.1
Winnipeg	6.3	6.1	6.2	0.2	0.1
Regina	5.5	4.9	5.2	0.6	0.3
Saskatoon	7.0	6.7	5.6	0.3	1.4
Calgary	8.9	8.5	5.6	0.4	3.3
Edmonton	7.2	6.8	5.7	0.4	1.5
Vancouver	6.4	6.0	6.1	0.4	0.3
Victoria	6.3	6.0	5.2	0.3	1.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.6	183.0	179.1	-1.4	2.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.2	52.2	53.8	0.0	-1.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	191.4	192.7	192.6	-1.3	-1.2
Yorkton-Melville	34.6	34.8	38.7	-0.2	-4.1
Prince Albert & Northern	99.4	100.3	96.0	-0.9	3.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	598.8	599.4	590.5	-0.6	8.3
Employed ('000)	559.6	564.0	560.4	-4.4	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	39.1	35.4	30.1	3.7	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	5.9	5.1	0.6	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.3	68.8	-0.1	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	65.2	65.3	-0.6	-0.7
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	547.3	549.0	542.7	-1.7	4.6
Employed ('000)	516.0	520.0	517.0	-4.0	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	31.4	29.0	25.7	2.4	5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.3	4.7	0.4	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.8	69.4	-0.2	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	66.1	66.2	-0.5	-0.6
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	51.4	50.4	47.8	1.0	3.6
Employed ('000)	43.7	44.0	43.4	-0.3	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	7.8	6.4	4.4	1.4	3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.1	12.7	9.2	2.4	5.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	64.1	62.2	0.9	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	56.0	56.5	-0.8	-1.3
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Labour Force ('000)	19.7	19.0	18.0	0.7	1.7
Employed ('000)	15.0	15.2	15.3	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.7	3.8	2.7	0.9	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	23.7	20.1	14.8	3.6	8.9
Participation Rate (%)	58.3	56.9	55.6	1.4	2.7
Employment Rate (%)	44.4	45.5	47.4	-1.1	-3.0
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Labour Force ('000)	31.3	30.8	29.8	0.5	1.5
Employed ('000)	28.2	28.2	28.1	0.0	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	2.6	1.8	0.5	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.4	5.9	1.5	4.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	70.0	67.5	0.9	3.4
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	64.1	63.5	-0.2	0.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Metis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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